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Applicant : Hasper et al.

Appl. No. : 09/807,580

Filed : April 13, 2001

For : SORTING/STORAGE DEVICE FOR
WAFERS AND METHOD FOR
HANDLING THEREOF

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the remarks hereinbelow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

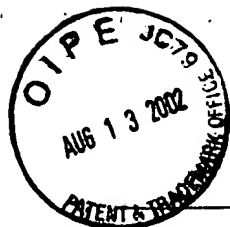
Please amend Claims 13 and 15 as indicated below:

13. (Twice Amended) A method for assembling a batch of wafers in cassettes comprising the steps of:

placing at least a first and a second closed cassette in a store;

employing a cassette handling device to select and move the first cassette from the store to a sorting operation, wherein the first cassette is opened and placed in active connection with a wafer handling device in a chamber;

employing a cassette handling device to select and move a second cassette from the store to a sorting operation, wherein the second cassette is opened and placed in active connection with said wafer handling device in said chamber; and



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Total Claims	8	20	= 0 x	\$18	= \$0
Independent Claims	3	3	= 0 x	\$84	= \$0
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